



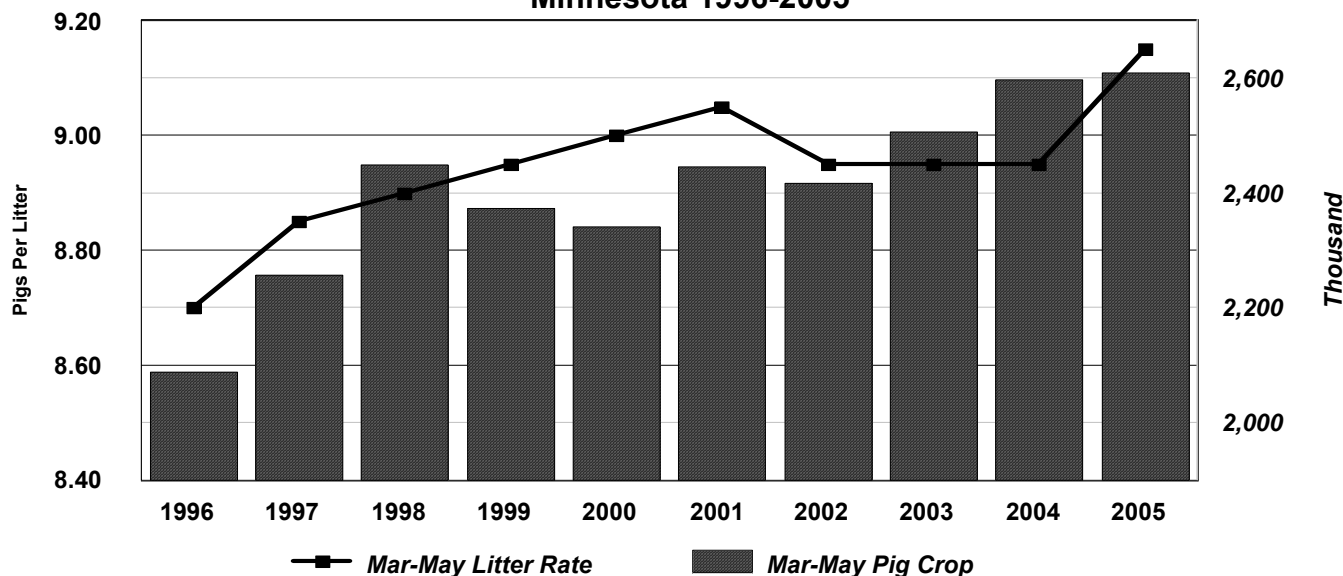
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MINNESOTA HOG NUMBERS UP 5 PERCENT FROM MARCH

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 6,600,000 hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005, unchanged from the year earlier but up 5 percent from the March 1, 2005 figure, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding hogs totaled 600,000, unchanged from a year earlier and market hogs and pigs at 6,000,000, were also unchanged from a year ago.

Market hogs in the under 60 pound weight group were unchanged from last year. The 60-119 pound weight group were up 1 percent. Hog numbers in the 120-179 pound group were down 1 percent from last year, while the 180+ pound group was down 1 percent from a year ago.

**March-May Pig Crop and
Pigs Per Litter
Minnesota 1996-2005**

**STATE PIG CROP UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST QUARTER**

Minnesota's March-May 2005 pig crop totaled 2,608,000 head, up slightly from a year earlier but up 4 percent from the December 2004-February 2005 pig crop. The 285,000 sows that farrowed averaged 9.15 pigs per litter, up from 8.95 a year ago. This is a new record litter rate and pig crop for any quarter.

JUNE-AUGUST 2005 AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2005 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285,000 sows during the June-August 2005 quarter. If realized this would be unchanged from the same period in 2004. Producers intend to farrow 285,000 sows during the September-November 2005 quarter. If realized, this would also be unchanged from the same period in 2004.

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U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005 was 60.8 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004 and last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March - May 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.02 for the March - May 2005 period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2005 quarter, virtually unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but down one-half of one percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for September-November 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are unchanged from the same period in 2004, but up 1 percent from 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2004 through March 2005 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the December 1, 2004 total inventory. The September-November 2004 pig crop was adjusted by one percent.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2004-2005^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Number	Number	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
Dec ¹	935	946	8.84	8.89	8,265	8,410
Jan	954	959	8.86	8.94	8,448	8,573
Feb	947	946	8.86	8.99	8,392	8,506
Mar	958	959	8.89	9.01	8,515	8,641
Apr	957	958	8.93	9.01	8,550	8,631
May	955	953	8.97	9.04	8,568	8,612
Jun	978		8.99		8,792	
Jul	970		9.00		8,730	
Aug	957		9.03		8,640	
Sep	981		8.94		8,771	
Oct	961		8.96		8,611	
Nov	946		8.98		8,499	
Total	11,498		8.94		102,780	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.